

**Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene**

**Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Animal Welfare and Cruelty to Animals**

**List of follow-up actions**  
(position as at 21 March 2016)

<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>Follow-up action required</b>	<b>Administration's response</b>
16 February 2016	<p>The Administration was requested to -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) provide a copy of the relevant guidelines issued by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department ("AFCD") on keeping of dogs in construction sites;</li> <li>(b) provide for members' reference (i) the number of complaints received in the past three years, if any, by AFCD about dogs being left unattended in construction sites or abandoned after the completion of the relevant construction works; (ii) the number of inspections conducted by the personnel of AFCD on construction sites in each of the past three years for the purpose of preventing animal cruelty; and (iii) the number of prosecutions instituted by the authorities against cruelty to dogs that took place in construction sites;</li> <li>(c) advise how the authorities would ascertain the responsibility of the relevant parties (e.g. construction firms/subcontractors/ security companies) in cases of cruelty to dogs that took place in construction sites;</li> <li>(d) explain the difference between "animal welfare" and "animal rights" with supporting documents issued by internationally renowned animal welfare organizations; and advise whether</li> </ul>	<p>The English version of the Administration's response was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1138/15-16(02) on 21 March 2016.</p>

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	<p>and how the use of euthanasia in handling stray animals in Hong Kong aligned with the international trend for managing stray animals;</p> <p>(e) provide response to the suggestions that the Police should (i) study and make reference to overseas experience in the investigation of animal cruelty cases, in a bid to reduce the number of animal cruelty cases in Hong Kong; and (ii) explore if a mechanism/system could be put in place for members of the public/animal welfare groups to enquire about the progress of the Police's investigation of animal cruelty cases; and</p> <p>(f) provide information on overseas practices in handling road accidents involving knocking down or killing of cats and/or dogs, and consider the need to review and amend the relevant provisions in the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) and/or other animal-related legislation (e.g. the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance (Cap. 169)) to the effect that (i) a driver would have a duty to stop in case of accidents involving knocking down or killing of cats and/or dogs and to report the accident to the Police and (ii) the driver concerned should hold responsibility for the accident if he/she deliberately caused damage to the cats and/or dogs.</p>	